

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) A latex coating comprising
 - (a) from about 30% to about 90% by weight of water;
 - (b) from about 10% to about 70% by weight of an acrylic polymer that ~~contains from~~ consists essentially of about 20% to about 80% by weight of recurring units of t-butyl acrylate or methacrylate, 1% to 20% by weight of recurring units of acrylic or methacrylic acid, and up to 79% of recurring units of a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl acrylate or methacrylate having a Tg lower than 25°C;
 - (c) from about 0.2% to about 10% by weight of a emulsifying agent;
 - (d) up to 20% by weight of an organic solvent;
 - (e) up to 60% by weight of a pigment; and
 - (f) from 1 to 30% by weight of a crosslinker,
wherein the coating has improved moisture and corrosion resistance.
14. (Original) The latex coating of claim 13 wherein the acrylic polymer has an acid number greater than about 2 mg KOH/g.
15. (Original) The latex coating of claim 13 wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol.
16. (Original) The latex coating of claim 13 wherein the pigment is titanium dioxide.
17. (Original) The latex coating of the claim 13 wherein the crosslinker is a melamine compound or a blocked isocyanate.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled).